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TOSEC 315

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION TO SECSTATE MAR 11, 1975 FROM LISBON
REPEATED TO YOU:

QUOTEC O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 1328

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MILI, PINT, PO
SUBJ: POSSIBLE COUP ATTEMPT: GONCALVES' STATEMENT

SITREP NO. 10 AS OF 5:20 P.M. LOCAL

1. PRIME MINISTER VASCON GONCALVES SPOKE BRIEFLY OVER RADIO AT 5:15 THIS AFTERNOON.

2. GONCALVES DENOUNCED "REACTION" AND "FASCISTS" AND CLAIMED THESE FORCES WERE BEHIND TODAY'S EVENTS. SPEAKING EXTEMPORANEOUSLY AND EMOTIONALLY HE CRITICIZED ANTI-REVOLUTIONARY ELEMENTS FOR SETTING MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AGAINST EACH OTHER. (HE DID NOT PLACE BLAME ON ARMED FORCES).

3. GONCALVES STRESSED POINT THAT WORKERS SHOULD NOW KNOW WHO ARE THEIR ENEMIES AND FRIENDS. THEY SHOULD REMAIN UNITED
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AND NOT ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE DIVIDED FROM AFM.

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4. GONCALVES STATED THAT POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE THE DUTY TO BE ATTENTIVE TO WHAT OCCURRED TODAY. HE CLAIMED THAT PROGRESSIVE FORCES SUPPORTED THE GOVERNMENT AT THIS TIME, INCLUDING PROGRESSIVE PARTIES, BUT DID NOT MENTION NAMES.

5. IN CONCLUDING, GONCALVES APPEALED TO ALL PORTUGUESE CITIZENS--INCLUDING WORKERS, SHOP-KEEPERS, PETIT BOURGEOISIE--TO LOOK CAREFULLY AT THIS "ADVENTURE" OF REACTION. HIS FINAL WORDS WERE "VIVA PORTUGAL."
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